

### REMARKS

Pursuant to the Requirement of November 5, 2003 to elect a single species for further prosecution in this application, Applicants hereby elect the species of Figs. 1-3, with traverse.

At least claims 1-8, 13, 19, 20, 25 and 26 are readable on the elected species.

The Election Requirement is traverse because not all of the species enumerated by the Examiner illustrate species having mutually exclusive features. For example, fig. 7 shows the same features as fig. 1, except that it adds diffuser 701. Thus, there is no mutually exclusive feature between figs. 1 and 7.

Therefore, it requested that claim 9 which is directed to fig. 7, also be examined.

Furthermore, claim 10 is directed to the example shown in fig. 8 (which was not an enumerated species), which is identical to fig 1 but also shows heat dissipation slits 802 and sealing material 803. As such, it is requested that claim 10 be examined along with the elected species.

Claim 14 is directed to the species of fig. 12, and it is submitted that fig. 12 shows a speaker apparatus of extremely similar structure to that is shown in fig. 1. Therefore, it is requested that claim 14 also be examined along with the elected species.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that at least claims 1-8, 13, 19, 20, 25, 26, and preferably claims 1-10, 13, 14 , 19, 20, 25 and 26 be examined.

Favorable consideration on the merits of this application is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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